

DANIELS SPLIT FIRST CASUALTY LEGISLATION

Five Democratic Senators Voted With Solid Republican Strength Against Referring House Bill to the Commerce Instead of the Finance Committee—Secretary of Treasury Houston Warns That the Sources of Revenue Are Declining—That Soldiers' Bonus Would Call For a New Bond Issue—Daniels Favors United States Navy Second to None or an International Agreement for General Reduction of Armaments.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Indications of the fight ahead over tariff legislation were given in the senate today when several hours' spirited debate had two roll calls were required to effect the formal, routine action of referring the finance committee the emergency tariff bill passed last week by the house.

Democratic forces split in the opening clash, five minority members voting with the solid republican strength against a motion by Senator Hitchcock, of Nebraska, setting democratic leaders to debate the house bill to the commerce instead of the finance committee. After defeat of the Hitchcock motion and several democratic attacks on the bill, passed by republican vote, the senate voted unanimously to send the bill to the finance committee.

Senator McCumber, of North Dakota, acting chairman of the finance committee, announced that the debate that the bill would be taken up in committee early next month and given "fair and adequate consideration." There were indications that the republican decision against hearing would be reversed.

The house bill was denounced as an "embargo" bill and "suicidal" by Senator Hitchcock, who charged that senate machinery was set to rush it through. American commerce would be aided, he contended, and not hampered by tariff barriers.

Senator McCumber denied that the bill proposed embargo and was supported by Senator Snoot, republican, Utah. The North Dakota senator declared the measure gave practically no protection to wheat and said that he would not support the bill as drafted.

Senator Harrison, democrat, Mississippi, assailed the bill as "the most iniquitous piece of legislation the country has ever seen." He denounced what he termed "republican hypocrisy" referring to republican campaign statements as to lowering the cost of living. The tariff measure was designed to enhance living costs, Senator Harrison asserted, adding that the bill was "a trap" for western farmers and would not aid them.

HOUSTON SAYS SOURCES OF REVENUE ARE DECLINING

Washington, Dec. 27.—Approximately \$2,280,000,000 was the estimate submitted today by Secretary Houston of the treasury as the cost of carrying out provisions of the soldiers' bonus bill.

The treasury secretary presented his estimate to the senate finance committee without comment, other than to urge that no legislation be enacted which would lay an additional burden on the nation's financial resources.

Complained by figures showing the cost of carrying out any one of the five optional provisions of the bonus bill provided all former service men chose a single plan. The figures for various plans ranged from \$1,450,000,000 for the adjusted pay provision, to \$2,280,000,000 for the insurance provision. The maximum possible cost of the vocational training aid and the farm loan plan was \$1,480,000,000 each while the secretary said the fifth provision, a plan for land settlement, held so many uncertainties that it was "impossible to estimate the possible expenditure."

Submission of the estimated total cost made an apparent impression upon the members of the committee, which is considering the reduction of revenue by the house at the last session. Members declined to forecast the decision of the committee on the question of reporting out the measure, but it was recalled that Senator McCumber, republican, North Dakota, stated at the opening of hearings on the bill that its passage would depend largely on the state of government finances and that Mr. Houston had declared the treasury was in a "very tight place."

Mr. Houston's annual report, which carried a deficit of \$2,280,000,000 for the year ending next June 30, and a deficit of \$1,500,000,000 for the following twelve months.

During Mr. Houston's testimony, it became increasingly evident that the present treasury administration does not desire either to advise or recommend with respect to legislation providing for greater governmental expenditures. The secretary made plain to the committee his thought in submitting a list of possible sources of new taxes in his annual report, saying they were for the information of congress and were in no sense more than suggestion.

Reiterating his opposition to revival of the finance corporation, Mr. Houston declared the sources of revenue were "very tight" and added that he knew not where the money was to come from to meet the bonus payment, should the bill be enacted into law. He avoided discussing the sources of revenue in the bill and designed to meet its needs, referring the committee first to the survey of the national problem in his annual report and explaining he was unable even to prescribe ways of raising revenue for the current needs without reducing and revising present tax laws to produce more money.

Dr. F. S. Adams, treasury economist and tax expert, at the suggestion of Mr. Houston, gave the committee a complete statement of revenue obtainable from the various taxes, suggested to congress in Mr. Houston's annual report. He pointed out many new sources which might be utilized but explained that much of the question of raising a tax lay centered first in the determination of revenue policy which only congress could provide.

Dr. Adams also suggested to the committee that one of the greatest needs was a simplification of the revenue laws, a statement concurred in by Senator Smith, republican, Utah, who said there was an evident need for enactment of tax laws which the average man can understand.

DANIELS FAVORS UNIVERSAL REDUCTION OF ARMAMENTS

Washington, Dec. 27.—The United States, if it does not enter the league of nations, should initiate a movement toward an international conference for the reduction of armaments, Secretary Daniels, of the navy, said tonight.

If an agreement is not reached by all nations for such a program, the secretary added, "the United States should have a navy second to none."

The question of disarmament also was discussed in the senate today. Senator Johnson, republican, California, declared that a disarmament agreement by the nations who constituted the five allied and associated powers in the World War would constitute one great step that could be taken toward the promotion of peace and the prevention of all future wars.

Secretary Daniels, in his statement tonight declared that his naval estimates recently submitted to congress called only for minor vessels and expressed approval of the general boards' building program only in the event that the United States does not enter the league of nations or become a party to an international agreement to limit armaments.

The naval secretary advocated legislation similar to that in the 1916 naval appropriation bill which authorized President Wilson to appoint a commission of nine naval experts to study the subject of reduction of armaments. Every nation that has joined the league has been asked to have their navy reduced to the same level as the German fleet in mid-ocean as an object lesson to all the world that it is unhealthy to build great armaments for purposes of conquest.

"If we do not want the league of nations," Mr. Daniels said, "we ought to have a conference purely on the subject of reduction of armaments. Every nation that has joined the league has been asked to have their navy reduced to the same level as the German fleet in mid-ocean as an object lesson to all the world that it is unhealthy to build great armaments for purposes of conquest."

TO PROVIDE PROTECTION FOR THE PANAMA CANAL

Washington, Dec. 27.—(By the A. P.)—Adequate protection for the Panama Canal from attacks of enemies from the air, land or sea, is to be provided for by a bill to be drafted by the house committee on appropriations for fortifications and sea coast defenses. Members of the committee now are actively agreed upon a plan to make the canal invulnerable.

It has been suggested unofficially to those members of the house committee on appropriations that the canal must be given the best of modern defenses.

These suggestions were said today to have resulted directly from the recent inspection of the canal by the house committee on appropriations, those and the "President-elect Harding and his party."

Plans to meet these suggestions and at the same time adhere to the rules of economy laid down by house leaders have been made by the committee. They involve the sending of the necessary armaments, including the largest calibered artillery pieces, to the canal as soon as they are produced. This ordinance includes those guns which were authorized in 1919 for coast defense purposes, the first of which are to be delivered next spring.

In addition to the canal's mainland defenses, the war department has proposed the placing of several of the longest range guns on an island located about 100 miles off the Pacific entrance. The committee members are said to have agreed to this proposal and will authorize the placement of guns there as soon as the state department can conclude diplomatic negotiations with the government of the island.

The Atlantic entrance under the present plan will be provided with an elaborate system of tracks designed to carry the heaviest railroad artillery mounts with guns ashored to greater distances than those used by the most powerful dreadnaughts afloat.

SENATOR FRANCE CRITICIZES DEPORTATION OF MARTENS

Washington, Dec. 27.—Criticism of the deportation order against Ludwig C. A. K. Martens, Russian Soviet agent in the United States, Senator France, republican, Maryland, in a statement tonight declared that the deportation was "a disgraceful and unwarranted act."

Senator France said that the deportation of Martens was "a disgraceful and unwarranted act" and that the government should have given Martens a fair trial.

To Guard Entrances of New York City

One of the Latest Measures by Police to Check the Wave of Banditry.

New York, Dec. 27.—Placing of every entrance, street car, ferry and highway into the city under special police guard and the closing out of 950 embryonic policemen for final training were announced by Police Commissioner Enright tonight as the latest measures to check New York's tide of outlaws.

Police previously had been ordered to halt, question and search, if necessary, all suspicious characters, and to seek explanations from all persons found in unfrequented thoroughfares between the hours of midnight and dawn.

The department, fearing another mass feud as a result of the murder of "Mack" Eastman, former notorious gang leader and war hero, today started themselves in an attempt to establish the identity of his slayer.

Four men, the youngest 18 and the eldest 24 years old were given maximum sentences of from ten to twenty years imprisonment when found guilty of robbery today in the court of general sessions. Judge Rosales, in pronouncing sentence, said pleas of conspiracy and of little avail in this case, and that lawbreakers had before him should expect the "limit" if convicted.

HARDING BEGINS TALKS ON DOMESTIC SUBJECTS

Marion, O., Dec. 27.—Senator Harding, President-elect, today interrupted his discussion of foreign policy and an association of nations with grandiose titles to take matters of domestic concern, around which most of the discussion during the present week will center. He commenced his talks on domestic subjects today with a discussion of the tariff. Iowa, chairman of the house appropriations committee. He also talked with Max Rabinoff, conductor of the Chicago Opera company, on Russian trade.

Today also brought forth the first definite announcement that Senator Harding will resign his seat in the senate immediately upon the inauguration of Governor-elect Davis and the governor-elect's announcement that he will immediately appoint Senator-elect Frank B. Willis to the vacancy. This was announced by Mr. Davis after a conference with Mr. Harding.

Tomorrow will witness further discussion of domestic questions with Senator McCumber of North Dakota, ranking member of the senate finance committee, and Oscar Strauss, former secretary of commerce and sea coast defenses.

The conference today with Representative Good was said to have chiefly concerned appropriations and a proposed budget system. In a statement issued after the conference, Mr. Harding said he had pointed out to Senator Harding the importance, as it seemed to him, of having budget legislation passed by the present congress so the fiscal operations of the new administration might be inaugurated on the budget plan.

"My suggestion," he said "was that the best possible budget system be secured at once and that later it might be modified if necessary."

"It is, of course, highly desirable that the policy of the new administration be formulated as soon as possible so that congress may conform its program to that policy. The present congress is making appropriations which will in well into the Harding administration out which, of necessity, represent the policy of the present rather than the incoming administration."

"Appropriations, of course, are made for the purpose of carrying out a particular line of policy, and it is therefore desirable that the policy should be known to the appropriating authorities as early as possible."

Mr. Good also said he had discussed cabinet matters with the president-elect, but was not at liberty to indicate what they were.

Announcement of the plan for Senator Harding to resign immediately from the senate upon the inauguration of Governor-elect Davis and Mr. Davis' announcement to immediately appoint Mr. Willis to the vacant seat of Governor-elect Davis a few weeks ago to appoint Mr. Willis if the senator desired to resign.

Mr. Rabinoff's conference with Senator Harding today was said to concern opening of trade relations with Russia through the great Russian co-operative societies without giving formal recognition to the Russian Soviet government. He said that opening of trade relations with the United States would be necessary if Russia is to be rehabilitated as a nation, and that much less to make its proper contribution to the reconstruction of Europe.

GROWTH DURING NOV. IN EXPORTS OF FOOD PRODUCTS

Washington, Dec. 27.—Exports of food products from the United States during November amounted to \$139,349,481, as compared with \$121,457,125 in November, 1919. For the eleven months of 1920 the total was \$1,473,880,178, while for the same period last year they amounted to \$1,341,937,724.

Exports of food products during November were valued at \$97,777,981 as compared with \$71,711,963 in the corresponding month a year ago. During the eleven months period this year food products exported totaled \$992,353,259. Exports of meat products last month amounted to \$29,211,997, while in November, 1919, they were valued at \$41,746,193.

Cottonseed oil sent abroad last November was valued at \$3,023,425, nearly \$1,000,000 more than in November a year ago, while for the eleven months period this year the total value was \$29,771,339. Mineral oils exported last month were valued at \$47,332,723, or about \$1,500,000 more than in November, 1919. The total value during the eleven months period this year was \$488,927,485.

Cotton valued at \$81,138,372 was exported last month as compared with \$183,305,272 in November, 1919. The total exported during the eleven months period this year amounted to \$1,444,043,523.

DENIAL BY SECRETARY OF NATIONAL WOOL GROWERS

Salt Lake City, Utah, Dec. 27.—J. R. Marshall, secretary of the National Wool Growers' Association, today issued a statement branding as "very misleading" an assertion attributed to Congressman Madden of Illinois to the effect that the duty imposed on wool in the Fordney emergency tariff bill would double the price of clothing.

"The National Wool Growers' Association," Marshall pointed out, "has little connection with the market price of wool and the selling price of clothes," said Mr. Marshall. "Three and one quarter pounds of scouring wool are required for an average sized man's suit made from worsted cloth. The Fordney bill provides a duty of 45 cents per pound on scouring wool. The duty on a wool suit, therefore, is very small, amounting to \$1.44, which is very little in comparison of the price of any suit such as Mr. Madden refers to."

BRIEF TELEGRAMS

A \$5 bill advertised as found by the Berkeley (Cal.) police was claimed by 238 persons.

Enrico Caruso, tenor, who suffered an attack of pleurisy Christmas day, was reported improving last night.

King Albert, of Belgium, returning from Brazil via Portugal and Spain, had to travel in a hearse train.

For the restoration of tonnage the Hamburg-American line is planning new stock issue of 1,000,000 marks.

Christmas celebration at the ex-caller's retreat at Dooten, was interrupted by a release of the former German emperor.

With no building in progress and 40,000 families homeless the housing situation in Berlin is reported growing more serious.

Carl Rudolph Legien, president of the German Federation of Trade Unions and socialist member of the Reichstag, died in Berlin.

Hearing on the Snell bill for a national forest policy, including better fire protection, to be held in Washington, probably begun early this week.

Women spies, known as "kiki traps" to bootleggers, are being employed by U. S. agents to check importation of whiskey from Canada.

According to a Brussels despatch to The Journal, Belgium intends to reimburse her right to confiscation of German property in Belgium.

Fifteen leading business houses of the town of Wirt, 35 miles from Ardmore, were destroyed by fire. Loss is estimated at \$75,000 to \$100,000.

On account of President Wilson's grandchildren's absence there was no tree at the White House. Christmas was passed quietly at the White House.

It was announced that the Rothschilds of London have offered a loan to Chile for public improvements and a new railway between Santiago and Valparaiso.

Receivers were appointed yesterday for the Plymouth Rubber company against which a petition in bankruptcy was filed ten days ago.

A robbery of \$400 from the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co. store at Wollaston, Mass. was reported by J. J. Vasil, the manager.

A royal decree has been issued granting foreigners the right to practice medicine in Spain in the event their countries give reciprocal treatment to Spanish professionals.

Miss Belle Kearney, of Flora, Miss, suffragist, prohibition lecturer and traveler, announced her candidacy for U. S. senate to succeed John Sharp Williams.

Armenian and French friends of the American hospital in Paris subscribed \$100,000 for the new hospital building, the improvement and maintenance of the institution.

The death at his home in Medford, Mass. occurred Sunday of Hal H. Mosby, 41, chief postoffice inspector in New England and a nephew of the Confederate guerrilla chief John S. Mosby.

Striking coal miners in the Rhonda coal field district agreed to resume work after negotiations between their employers and the South Wales executive committee.

Miss Paula Van Dyke, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Henry Van Dyke, was married at noon yesterday at Avalon, their Princeton home, to Henry Chapin of Springfield, Mass.

A panic among storekeepers was caused in Bilbao, Spain, by the announcement of a dealer that he had ordered 35,000 pairs of American shoes to be sold at half price.

Friends of Col. Arthur Woods, police commissioner in New York city in the Mitchell administration, are planning to bring about his nomination for mayor next fall on a fusion ticket.

Paris newspapers report Count Stefan Tisza, Austro-Hungarian diplomatist, said today as the result of a plot by adherents of Count Michael Karolyi, former Hungarian premier.

Emmon De Valera, "President of the Irish Republic," who went into seclusion several weeks ago for a rest, was indisposed in his hiding place near New York.

Staff of Mustafa Kemal Pasha, Turkish nationalist leader, decided to force the nationalist army on the Smyrna-Brusa front to 100,000 men for the purpose of an attack on Greek forces.

The Crook County State Bank of Prineville, Oregon, failed to open its doors yesterday. Shrinkage of values of cattle and sheep on which the institution had loans was said to have been responsible.

The ex-kaiser's non-in-law, the Duke of Brunswick, and his former subjects are in conflict over the duke's claim of 250,000,000 marks worth of property confiscated by the state at the time of the revolution.

Paris municipal council decided that public baths are not only a necessity, but that they are likely to be a paying venture. City architects were ordered to prepare plans for three baths to be constructed in Paris.

Many of the legionnaires under the command of Gabriele D'Annunzio realizing the impossibility of being loyal to their native country and their commander have deserted the latter and are on their way to Italy.

Alexander Kerensky in his paper published at Prague charges a conspiracy headed by Ludendorff is under way to restore the monarchy in Russia and Germany and re-establish the former Austro-Hungarian empire.

The Harbor Boatmen's Union of New York, voted to reject a new working agreement for 1921 tendered by 600 independent owners and to go on strike January 1. Arthur Ogan, secretary of the union declared 2,500 men will be affected.

The left, center and right wings of the French socialist congress in session at Tours, France, voiced their fears and hopes on the proposed adoption of the Moscow international under the twenty-one conditions laid down by Nikolai Lenin.

The second safe robbery in the business district of Montreal within 36 hours was reported to the police Sunday. Cash, securities and jewelry valued at \$50,000, which is very little in comparison of the price of any suit such as Mr. Madden refers to.

Renewal of Pressure on the Stock Market

So-Called Shorts are Proceeding With Little Evidence of Restraint.

New York, Dec. 27.—The final week of the year opened in the stock market with a renewal of pressure from professional shorts, the manoeuvres of the so-called shorts proceeding with little restraint in the absence of anything approaching public interest or support.

Stocks declined 2 to 6 points in shipping, oil, steel, railway, equipment, copper and sundry specialties, of no particular classification, were particularly heavily sold on the regular close, with sales of about 700,000 shares.

Slight improvement in the final dealings resulted mainly from the strength of the better class, those issues being responsive to the number of excellent statements of earnings for November.

Developments dealing with the stock market, as well as the commodities markets, seemed to offer little hope of immediate betterment in the investment situation, although bankers reported indications of an awakening of the inquiry which usually comes before the close of the year and the consequent release of interest and dividend funds.

JUDGE MCGANNON IS TO TESTIFY IN HIS OWN BEHALF

Cleveland, Dec. 27.—Judge William H. McGannon, on trial for second degree murder for the slaying of Harold C. Kacy, on May 8, will take the witness stand in his own behalf tomorrow morning to deny the testimony of Miss Mary E. Neely, chief witness for the state and to reiterate his testimony given in the trial of John W. Joyce, acquitted of the murder of Kacy, that he was not present when the death shot was fired.

Miss Neely, testifying last Tuesday, swore she saw McGannon pull something from his pocket. Simultaneously a shot rang out and Kacy lurched forward.

Judge McGannon's testimony probably will be followed by that of his wife, as the last witness for the defence, according to W. H. Boyd, chief counsel for McGannon.

This afternoon's session of court was devoted to a cross-examination of Dr. A. C. McGannon, brother of the judge, who swore to the judge's alibi.

McGannon testified he saw the judge three blocks from the scene of the shooting only a few moments before Kacy was shot.

With the jury excused from the court room the defence devoted considerable of the afternoon session to the laying of a foundation for the introduction of the alleged dying statement made by Kacy in a hospital.

In this statement Kacy is said to have accused John W. Joyce, of having fired the fatal shot.

Judge Bernon will decide tomorrow whether the dying man's accusation can be introduced as evidence. It was ruled out of the testimony of the Joyce trial.

FORMULATING BASIS FOR NEW AMERICAN-JAPANESE TREATY

Washington, Dec. 27.—(By the A. P.)—Negotiations between Roland S. Morris, United States ambassador to Tokyo, and Ambassador Shidehara of Japan to lay the basis of a new American-Japanese treaty are understood to be proceeding here with a view of obtaining for the proposed pact the approval of congress.

The state department is said to have agreed that the attitude of both branches of congress be taken into consideration.

The conferences between the ambassadors, it is understood, have been marked by an absence of formality which has permitted considerable latitude in making the respective governments to a definite program. Satisfactory progress has been made, it is said, and a mass of material in the shape of reports is about to be submitted to the state department here. Ambassador Morris report, it is believed, will probably later be made available to the senate committee on foreign relations.

HOLIDAYS QUIETER IN DUBLIN THAN WAS EXPECTED

Dublin, Dec. 27.—The holidays passed fairly quietly in Dublin, contrary to popular opinion. The curfew order was not relaxed, but on Christmas eve it was to some extent ignored by roistersers throughout the night and there was much alarm and shooting, several persons being slightly injured.

A young soldier in civilian clothes was shot dead by a sentry in the grounds of the Royal hospital in Kilmainham, on the west side of the city, for refusing to halt when challenged. The work in the country men were shot dead by armed gangs.

K. OF C. IS TO DISCONTINUE EMPLOYMENT BUREAU

New York, Dec. 27.—Employment bureaus conducted by the Knights of Columbus for former service men throughout the country will be discontinued, the committee of supreme officers announced today. The bureau for the corresponding period year will be left to local bodies of the organization. Need for the employment bureaus has passed, a statement said, as most of the applicants recently have been men who did not see service.

"We are satisfied that all former service men desiring permanent employment have been practically placed," it added.

DESIRES OF THE NATIONAL REFORM ASSOCIATION

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Free moving picture shows and theatrical productions on Sunday would meet no objection from the National Reform Association, the Rev. William S. Fleming, district manager announced here today.

"All this talk about blue Sunday is both. We are not trying to pass any blue laws. What we are after is commercialized amusement that is making money out of the argument of personal liberty," the Rev. Fleming declared.

"Our work is a programme of education for the American people to observe Sunday."

CRIMINALS ARE DIVERTING ATTENTION FROM LIQUOR

Chicago, Dec. 27.—The hopes of New Year's eve celebrations, accelerated by a recent police announcement that the city force was too busy in its crime cleaning up campaign to disturb carriers of "hip liquor" received a blow today when District Attorney Charles F. Cline announced preparations for a dry welcome to the new year.

"We are not going to let criminals divert attention from liquor," Cline said.

Chicago police are expected to inspect drunks in all cafes, according to Mr. Cline.

NO DISORDER IN WEST VIRGINIA STRIKE ZONE

Williamson, W. Va., Dec. 27.—Reports received by Colonel Herman Hall at the headquarters of the provisional battalion on coal strike duty in the Mingo field were to the effect that the day had passed without disturbances of any kind. The holiday spirit still prevailed throughout the region, and the so-called Christmas spirit, erected at the courthouse here for civilians and soldiers, was again alight.

GABRIELE D'ANNUNZIO HAS BEEN SLIGHTLY WOUNDED

Reports That the Post-Soldier Had Been Killed Are Officially Denied—A Systematic Siege of Fiume is Under Way—Regulars on Land Are Working in Combination With the Navy in Bombardment—Zara, a Dalmatian Port, Has Capitulated to the Italian Government Forces.

Triest, Dec. 27.—(By the A. P.)—The regulars under General Cavaglia are bombarding Fiume in combination with the navy, a systematic siege being under way. The guns are being directed against the barracks, the palace and similar buildings. The intention being to damage the city as little as possible.

The destroyer "Espero," which recently reported to D'Annunzio's side, has been sunk by a shell from the cruiser Andrea Doria.

The post's resistance is of the most dogged nature. The casualties are estimated at 33 killed and 100 wounded.

London, Dec. 27.—D'Annunzio is said to be slightly wounded, according to the Times correspondent from Rome. The report that D'Annunzio had been killed, the correspondent adds, is officially denied.

FIGHTING CONTINUES

Venice, Dec. 27.—The reports of the death of Gabriele D'Annunzio spread quickly throughout Venice today. The Italian colors on the flagstaff in St. Martin square were immediately half-masted, and shortly afterwards flags on private houses throughout the city were lowered. The reports were not received here D'Annunzio was only wounded and was taken to a hospital.

One report says that notwithstanding the absence of D'Annunzio fighting continued. The legionaries tried to prevent the passage of the regular troops, which are composed chiefly of Carabinieri. It is asserted that the battleship Andrea Doria participated in the operations against Fiume by firing grenades which killed several persons. One of the grenades struck the torpedo boat, destroyer "Espero," setting the vessel on fire.

PIERCE FIGHTING REPORTED IN THE ENVIRONS OF FIUME

London, Dec. 27.—Fierce fighting is proceeding in the environs of Fiume, say London Times despatches from Milan, and the losses to the regulars are very heavy, among the casualties being two colonels mortally wounded.

D'Annunzio flew over the lines Sunday, dropping leaflets from his airplane inciting the regulars to desertion. The post's resistance is of the most dogged nature.

GERMANY'S FOREIGN POSITION CONTINUALLY BECOMING WORSE

Berlin, Dec. 27.—Complaint that Germany's foreign position is continually becoming worse is increasing in effect. It was said by Dr. Walter Simons, the German foreign minister, in a signed article appearing in the Frankfurter Zeitung.

"Not a week passes," he says, "without our former opponents addressing demands we can only fulfill by sacrifice important German interests."

"With America we still live in a state of war and that this is not simply a matter of speech has been shown by the recent investigation conducted by the American ambassadors in Paris."

He concludes his article by saying: "We must be sure the new president of the United States will not hesitate to restore a state of peace with Germany."

FRIENDS DID GOODFRIEND TO MONSIGNOR REMPE

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Hundreds of the friends of Right Reverend Monsignor Rempe, who gathered tonight at the hall of St. Clement's church to bid him Good-bye on his departure for Europe to distribute funds and clothing contributed by Catholics throughout the United States for the benefit of the war-stricken in Europe.

Monsignor Rempe, who is one of the vicars general of the archdiocese of Chicago, has been specially chosen for the purpose by the Catholic hierarchy in this country, and while he is in Europe is expected to investigate conditions there and first hand for the American cardinals, archbishops and bishops.

It is the first time that a Catholic prelate from the United States has gone on such an enterprise to Europe.

Monsignor Rempe will sail from New York Sunday. His tour will end at Rome, where he will see the pope. He expects to be absent from the United States six months.

HANDIIS ARABIAN BOX OF DRAFTS AND CHECKS

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 27.—A strong box weighing 150 pounds and containing a large amount of cash and drafts, which was taken from an American Railway express company motor truck this morning when five unmasked and armed bandits held up the vehicle was found by detectives this afternoon near Kansas City, Kansas. Police say they found \$14,000 in checks and drafts strewn about the opened chest which was left by the bandits with the key in the lock.

GEN. PERSHING TO BE GRAND MARSHAL INAUGURAL PARADE

Washington, Dec. 27.—General Pershing in a telegram from Roanoke, N. Y., tonight accepted an invitation to serve as grand marshal of the parade for the inauguration of President-elect Harding. It was announced tonight by the committee in charge of arrangements. The invitation was extended to him in conformity with the custom of having the ranking officer of the army head the inaugural parade.

E. M. E. T. DECLARES REGULAR 1 P. M. QUARTERLY DIVIDEND

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 27.—The directors of the Southern New England Telephone company today declared the regular quarterly dividend of 2 per cent payable Jan. 15, 1921, to stockholders of record on Dec. 31, 1920. The company estimates that its gain in telephone stations for this year will be \$14,600, the largest yearly increase in its history.

FATALITY IN STREET CAR COLLISION IN PITTSBURGH

Pittsburgh, Dec. 27.—One person is known to have been killed and more than thirty others were injured tonight when a trailer of a street car, making a grade in the Forbes street section, near Craft avenue, broke loose in some unexplained manner, rushed back down the hill and crashed into another car.

POSED AS A FAMOUS MOVING PICTURE STAR

Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 27.—The lure of a page of Rochester's prettiest girl, printed last summer in a New York paper, led Philip Hallen, a young Stamford, Conn., locksmith, to represent himself in this city last week as a famous movie picture star. He told the police, they said, today, after he had been arraigned in city court on a charge of vagrancy.

CHIEF OF THE MILITARY BUREAU BUREAU NOT SELECTED

Washington, Dec. 27.—Secretary Dyer has the names of several national guard officers under consideration for the post of chief of the militia bureau of the war department, but said today he had received no decision as to whom he would recommend to the president.